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SUBJECT: OMAN: COMMENTS ON U.S. MARKET ACCESS PRIORITIES

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1. Per reftel instructions, this cable outlines the Embassy's assessment of market access priorities for U.S. service suppliers in Oman.

2. U.S. Market Access Priority by Sector (ranked from 1 to 5, with 1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest) and by informal ranking of relative market openness (high, medium, or low).

Legal services: 2 / medium
Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services: 2 / medium
Taxation services: 5 / medium
Architectural services: 3 / low
Engineering and integrated engineering services: 2 / high
Urban planning and landscape architectural services: 3 / medium
Computer and related services: 1 / high
Research and development services: 4 / high
Real estate services: 3 / medium
Rental/leasing services: 3 / medium
Advertising services: 4 / medium
Market research and public opinion, polling services: 4 / low
Management consulting services: 2 / medium
Technical testing and analysis services (including energy related testing services): 2 / high
Services incidental to agriculture, hunting and forestry, and fishing: 2 / high
Services incidental to mining: 1 / high
Energy services (including land site preparation, drilling and plugging): 1 / high
Services incidental to energy distribution: 2 / medium
Placement and supply services of personnel: 4 / medium
Investigation and security: 4 / medium
Related scientific and technical consulting services: 3 / medium
Maintenance and repair of equipment: 3 / high
Building-cleaning services: 5 / medium
Photographic services: 3 / medium
Packaging services: 3 / medium
Printing and publishing: 2 / medium
Convention services: 2 / medium
Courier services (express delivery): 2 / high
Telecommunication services: 1 / medium
Audiovisual services: 2 / medium
Construction and related engineering: 1 / high
Distribution services, including: commission agents' services, wholesale trade services, retailing services, and franchising: 3 / high
Educational services, including: higher education services, adult education (i.e., testing and computer or language training): 1 / medium
Environmental services (wastewater treatment, sanitation, protection of ambient air and climate, remediation and clean up, noise and vibration abatement, and biodiversity protection): 1 / high
Insurance services: 2 / medium
Banking and other financial services including securities: 2 / high
Tourism and travel-related services, including: hotels and restaurants, catering, travel agencies and tour operators services, and tourist guides services: 2 / high
Recreation and sporting services (other than audiovisual services), including: entertainment services (including theater, live bands and circus services), news agency services; libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural services; sporting and other recreational services: 4 / medium
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